

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.550(d) to accompany the patent owner's request for reexamination.

By this amendment, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to add subject matter that is neither recited by any other claim in the captioned patent nor disclosed or suggested by the references cited in the request for reexamination.

More specifically, each of claims 1 and 9 now recites that the control circuit is intermittently driven and that the switch means maintains an existing switching state when the control circuit is not being driven. The newly added subject matter finds support in the patent and is neither disclosed nor suggested by the reference cited in the request for reexamination filed concurrently herewith.

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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